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SUBJECT: FRENCH ARMS SALES TO YEMEN

SUMMMARY. CONFIRMATION OF TWO FRENCH ARMS SALES TO YEMEN, FOR
ARMORED CARS AND MILITARY COMMUNICATCNS. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH CHARGE HENRI DENIAUD TOLD DCM ON JANUARY 16 THAT
SAUDIS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN JUNE 1975
FOR 278 AML ARMORED CARS. (DELIVERY IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN
YEMEN IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS. SAUDIS HAD SEPARATELY MADE AVAILABLE
AML ARMORED CARS FROM THEIR OWN STOCKS AND THESE ARE PRESENTLY
IN SERVICE IN YEMEN.) DENIAUD DID NOT KNOW COST OF THIS SALE.
DENIAUD SAID THAT YAR AIR FORCE CHEIF DAYFALLAH WAS PUSHING
FOR MIRAGE AIRCRAFT BUT SAUDIS HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER
IN PROCEEDING ALONG THESE LINES. SALE OF PUMA HELICOPTERS
REMAIN, HOWEVER, A POSSIBILITY IN DENIAUD'S OPINION. THIS
APPARENTLY REFLECTS SAUDIS' INTEREST RATHER THAN YEMENI.
DENIAUD ALSO SAID THAT "APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO"
C.S.F. SOLD YARG LARGE AMOUNT OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
FOR YAR MILITARY TO USE BETWEEN CITIES AND HEADQUARTERS.
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THIS IS NOT TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SAID DENIAUD BUT IT
REPRESENTS A VERY SIZEABLE SALE "IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS".
EQUIPMENT IS JUST NOW BEGINNING TO ARRIVE AND INSTALLATION
SHOULD BEGIN SHORTLY.

COMMENT. ABOVE REPRESENTS FIRST INFORMATION WE HAVE HAD FROM
EITHER SAUDIS OR FRENCH CONCERNING ARMS SALES TO SUPPLEMENT

THOSE OF U.S. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ESTIMATE OF THE
VALUE OF THE ARMORED CAR SALE.
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